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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PRESS CHARGES U.S. WITH INCITING  
EARTHQUAKE PANIC

REF: (A) SOFIA 593, (B) SOFIA 526

1. EUR/EE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SCHMIDT) TOOK OPPORTUNITY  
PRESENTED BY MARCH 22 MEETING WITH BULGARIAN DCM TO  
REINFORCE EMBASSY SOFIA'S PROTEST REGARDING BULGARIAN  
TELEGRAPH AGENCY BROADCAST AND INTERIOR MINISTRY NEWSPAPER  
ANTENI COMMENTARY ON U.S. ACTIONS RE POSSIBLE SECOND  
EARTHQUAKE IN ROMANIA. NOTING THAT WE NORMALLY DO NOT  
CHOOSE TO COMMENT ON CONTENTS OF BULGARIAN MEDIA, SCHMIDT

EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE THAT SUCH A BASICALLY HUMANITARIAN  
GESTURE ON OUR PART COULD BE TWISTED AND DISTORTED SIMPLY  
SO THAT BULGARIAN MEDIA COULD USE IT TO CRITICIZE U.S.

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HE SAID THE CHARGES CONTAINED IN KRISPIN'S STORY WERE  
RIDICULOUS.

2. KONSTANTINOV EXPRESSED MILD SURPRISE THAT SUCH  
COMMENTARY HAD BEEN MADE BY MEDIA ABOUT U.S. ACTION  
AND NOTED THAT HE HAD SEEN NOTHING OF THE KIND IN MAJOR

BULGARIAN NEWSPAPERS. HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM SOFIA OF  
OUR CONCERN, AND ALSO NOTED THAT BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES  
HAD EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING  
POSSIBLE SECOND EARTHQUAKE WHICH HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE  
TO GOB. KONSTANTINOV COULD NOT RESIST NOTING, HOWEVER,  
THAT OTHER EXPERTS HAVE OFFERED CONTRADICTIONARY OPINIONS  
ABOUT CHANCES OF SECOND QUAKE.  
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